Rail Accident on Unmanned Level Crossings

766. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the railway accidents that took place during 1995 at the unmanned level crossings;

(b) the people killed in those accidents and how many of their kith and kin were rehabilitated;

(c) the unmanned level crossings that still exist in the country; and

(d) whether there is any programme to convert these crossings into manned crossings expeditiously?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI): (a) during 1995, there were 58 train accidents at unmanned level crossings on Indian Railways.

(b) 113 persons lost their lives in these accidents. There is no provision of rehabilitation of kith and kin of those who are killed in unmanned level crossing accidents.

(c) 21,267.

(d) Manning of unmanned level crossings, except identified as vulnerable ones, is taken up at the request of the State Governments and at their cost. Manning can, therefore, be done as and when the State Governments make proposals, placing necessary funds with the Railways.

Production and Export of Bicycles

763. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:
SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the Global status of India in bicycles production and bicycles manufactured by the major manufacturers during the last three years;

(b) the number of bicycles and their components exported, foreign exchange earned during the aforesaid period; and

(c) the measures taken/proposed to be taken to increase the production and export of quality bicycles?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) India is the second largest producer of bicycles after China. The bicycles manufactured in the country by the major manufacturers from 1992-93 to 1994-95 are as follows:

Year	Production (in lakhs)
1992-93	69.63
1993-94	74.41
1994-95	78.78

(b) The export of complete bicycles and parts from India is as follows:

Period	Complete bicycles incl. cycle rickshaw		Parts Value (in crore rupees)	Total* Value (in crore rupees)
	Qty. (in thousand	Value (in crore rupees)		
1992-93	9.24	97.20	343.42	440.62
1993-94	12.53	154.75	377.76	532.51
1994-95	11.03	146.50	324.31	470.81

*(Estimated)